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SUBJECT: PARTIAL 1976 IV CANDIDATE

REF: STATE 010015; SANTIAGO 0439

1. NOMINATE FOR PARTIAL 1976 IV GRANT, COMPRISING 14-DAY PER DIEM PLUS LIMITED DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND PENDING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AS PER REFERENCED CABLE.

2. THOMAS LACKINGTON HUNTER, GENERAL ECONOMIC DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ADVISER OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS; PAST POSITION: DEPUTY MINISTER (UNDERSECRETARY LEVEL) OF NATIONAL PLANNING. PDOB: SANTIAGO, CHILE, MARCH 26, 1942. CHILEAN, MALE, MARRIED, TWO BOYS AGED 7 AND 4. ADDRESS: APOQUINDO 4431, SANTIAGO, CHILE. EDUCATION: ECONOMICS DEGREE, UNIVERSITY OF CHILE AND MASTER'S DEGREE FROM WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS. HAS BEEN TO THE U.S. SEVERAL TIMES AND VISITED EUROPE AND OTHER COUNTRIES. NOT RECIPIENT OF U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT. ENGLISH: GOOD. OTHER LANGUAGES: SPANISH. CLEARED.

3. JUSTIFICATION OF GRANT: LACKINGTON WILL BE VISITING UNCLASSIFIED

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OPIC AND OTHER USG AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, AND BUSINESS

GROUPS IN NEW YORK, BOTH ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FOR GOC FOR THE PURPOSE OF STIMULATING U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN CHILE. THE OBJECT OF PARTIAL GRANT WILL BE TO ENABLE LACKINGTON, ONE OF THE MORE ABLE AND DYNAMIC YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING ECONOMIC TEAM TO EXTEND HIS VISIT IN ORDER TO BROADEN HIS CONTACTS IN OTHER CITIES WITH BUSINESS LEADERS AND ECONOMISTS, AND GENERALLY TO ADD STATURE TO HIS VISIT.

AS THE DEPARTMENT AND OPIC ARE AWARE, LACKINGTON IS AMONG A GROUP OF OFFICIALS INTERESTED IN STRENGTHENING THE CHILEAN ECONOMY AND CHILEAN-AMERICAN TIES THROUGH US INVESTMENT. LACKINGTON'S IMMEDIATE BUSINESS WITH OPIC CONCERNS THE ARRANGEMENT OF SEMINARS IN SANTIAGO MARCH/APRIL, THROUGH WHICH POTENTIAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CAN MEET POTENTIAL CHILEAN PARTNERS.

THIS PARTIAL GRANT SHOULD HELP TO FURTHER SEVERAL U.S. INTERESTS, BEGINNING WITH THE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS OF POTENTIAL AMERICAN INVESTORS. IT SUPPORTS THE STATED U.S. DEVELOPMENT POLICY INTEREST OF ENCOURAGING U.S. INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, IT GIVES RECOGNITION TO THE SHARED US-CHILEAN INTEREST IN INCREASING U.S. INVESTMENT, AND TO THOSE IN CHILE WORKING TO STRENGTHEN THIS POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT TIE.

4. DATES OF TRAVEL: WASHINGTON DC FEB. 14 TO FEB. 21 AND NEW YORK, FEB. 21 TO FEB. 29. OPIC PLEASE NOTE CHANGE.

5. ADVISE ASAP IF FUNDS AVAILABLE AND IF COULD BE SCHEDULED. POPPER

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